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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even without granting lands to the petitioners, arrears of rent can be recovered."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Will the Government consider the question of granting pattas to the members of the Field Labour Co-operative Societies? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are concerned with the lease of lanka lands and not with the granting of pattas."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Are the Government aware that the action of the Government will affect the society in particular adversely and bring down the reputation of the Co-operative movement in general? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No Sir. As I said, the Government are awaiting the report of the Revenue Board and the whole matter will be considered after the report is received."

Strength of Police force stationed within the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills.

* 246 Q.—SRI P. RAMAMURTHI (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the strength of the Police force stationed within the premises of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills;

(*b*) what is the total expenditure involved in maintaining these policemen within the Mills;

(*c*) for how many days past have policemen been stationed inside the premises of the Mills;

(*d*) what is the reason for this unusual procedure whereby policemen are asked to do duty inside private buildings when there is no actual breach of the peace; and

(*e*) the reason for opening a new Police Station in Otteri?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) There is no Police force stationed within the premises of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills now. A Police force of about 90 men were stationed in and around the Mill area from 10th December 1951 to 30th June 1952.

" On 1st December 1951 there were various acts of violence in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills resulting in the closure of the Mills for about ten days. With the help of the Police, work was resumed in the mills from 10th December 1951. It would appear that the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill authorities approached the Commissioner of Police for suitable police protection in order to resume normal work in the mills and to prevent further acts of violence, etc. The Commissioner of Police accordingly deputed two platoons of the Special Armed Police with effect from 10th December 1951.

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"As stated already there is no police force now stationed in the mills.

"(b) Nil, as the cost of the police force when it was stationed in and around the mill area was recovered from the Management of the Mills according to scheduled rates.

"(e) For better maintenance of Law and Order and effective control of crime in the area."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"May I know whether the Government made any enquiries of the Union before actually sanctioning the Police force when requested by the Management?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Sir, I have stated the history of the matter which led to putting in the Police in the mills on the 10th December 1951; and the history shows that there is no useful purpose to be gained by making an enquiry of the people who were guilty of violence and for which purpose this Police force was put in. If the question is about subsequent events and subsequent temperament, it naturally follows that a certain amount of time must elapse before any change could take place."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—"May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether it is not a fact that the management, taking advantage of the existence of the police force, are trying to get the work load increased for the workers?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Sir, I have already said that the Policemen are not there. I may add even if they were there they would not be very useful to get more work from the workers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that during the period when the Police force was actually stationed there, the Policemen were threatening the workers going to latrines to answer calls of nature, etc., and that their presence was irksome to the workers and whether that fact itself led to friction between workers and the management?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Such arrangements are bound to lead to consequences and allegations of this kind on either side which may be true or not true; but that friction is now over. It was stopped, though unwillingly, and it is now closed."

SRI S. C. S. ANTHONY PILLAI :—"May I know, Sir, where was the necessity for the Police force when the Government prosecuted certain workers for alleged acts of terrorism and sabotage?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"It is a matter of opinion as to whether there was necessity or not, and, at any rate peace now prevails. I submit we may leave matters at that."